

JOHNSON.

Wm. Doane is improving.
B. L. Austin went to Burlington Monday.
Miss Anna Courser teaches in Stowe this winter.
G. E. Monteith of Brimston, N. Y., was in town last week.
W. H. Stearns went to Boston on business last Thursday.
Mrs. Norton of Fairfax visited her son, H. O. Stiles, last week.
W. H. Nye has a fine line of holiday goods. Call and see them.
Miss Belle Hill has returned to her school in South Burlington.
F. W. Leslie visited relatives in St. Johnsbury the first of the week.
Chas. Horner from Cambridge was the guest of Smith Hebb Saturday.
Mrs. M. A. Smith from No. Troy is stopping with her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Pierce.
Miss Ida Perry of East Hardwick is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. C. Stearns.

Clarence Vincent has completed his work at Hayford Bros. creamery for the season.
Isaiah Dow from Hinesburg visited his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Conger, the first of the week.
Mrs. B. A. Hunt returned Saturday from a week's visit with friends in Waterbury.
Miss Olive Cady has gone to Bloomville, where she has a position in the Graded school.

Dr. R. W. Prentiss of Underhill visited his brother, Dr. R. G. Prentiss, last Thursday.

Miss Marion Torrey from Georgia visited her cousin, Miss Hayden, the last of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. John Bean of Jeffersonville were in town Saturday to attend the matinee.

Miss Jennie Tracy has returned from Monticello, where she has been visiting her sister.

Miss Lizzie Pike is assisting in Holmes & Cowles' drug store during the holiday season.

Nye & Co. are well supplied with holiday goods in great variety. See them and save money.

M. M. Powell and wife of Cambridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Maxfield the first of the week.

Mrs. Flora Hodgkins, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James McCuin, has returned to her home in Castleton.

J. H. Butler is making preparation for leaving here about the 20th. He sells his household goods at auction next Saturday.

Drs. G. Nye of Hyde Park and Bates of Morrisville, accompanied by their wives, attended the matinee Saturday afternoon.

Fred Jones has finished work in the creamery and is assisting C. P. Jones, who is arranging his large stock of holiday goods.

The pupils of Miss Marion Cornell are arranging for a musical recital to be given at H. M. Maxfield's next Wednesday evening.

Holmes & Cowles have an advertisement in this issue concerning holiday goods, of which they have a fine assortment, at reasonable prices.

Miss Luella Leslie went to St. Johnsbury Saturday. From there she will go to Readsboro, where she has a position in the Graded school.

Prof. J. B. Ham returned from Chicago last week Tuesday. He is much improved in health and is looking forward to a complete recovery.

About forty of the young friends of Miss Goldie Butler gathered at her home last Monday and passed a pleasant evening with games and music.

Miss Belle Cochran, one of the members of the Senior class in the Normal, was called to her home in Jericho and will not be able to return this year.

Miss Tilden, State Supervisor of music, has begun her work in the Normal this term. Miss Tilden was formerly supervisor of music in Middlebury.

Miss Flora Pearl has returned from New Bedford, Mass., where she has been teaching. On account of ill health, she will remain at home during the winter.

The marriage of John Stearns and Miss Hattie Howard took place last Sunday, Rev. E. G. French performing the ceremony. The happy couple left Monday for Boston, where they will pass the honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Davis entertained a party of eleven of their relatives Thanksgiving day. Thirteen sat down to the dinner table, all bearing the name of Davis. The youngest was one year and the oldest 80. The average age was a little over 50.

The next meeting of Oread Literary Club will be held Thursday evening of this week. It will doubtless be a very interesting meeting as it combines the "Club Tea" and the "Costume Reading" from Shakespeare, which was on the program for Dec. 25th. It was deemed best to give them now, on account of so many members being absent during the holidays.

The concert by the Brooke Marine Band last Saturday afternoon was one of the best entertainments ever given here. The Opera House was filled with an appreciative audience. The music was of a high order and all the pieces were finely rendered. "Noah's Ark" was greatly enjoyed. If any fault can be found, it may be in the fact that the entertainment was not half long enough. The company came here on a special train.

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The funeral of Mrs. L. Phillips, the aged sister of Harvey Beecher, took place at the home of the latter Tuesday, Dec. 9. Mrs. Phillips died quite suddenly at the home of her brother Sunday. She had been ailing but a day or two. The remains were taken to her former home in Ontario, Wis., for interment, where her former home was for over 30 years, her husband dying several years ago, since which time she has been with her brother here.

Death of William H. Fletcher.

William H. Fletcher, aged 68 years, passed away early this morning of Dec. 4, at his home at 63 Commonwealth Ave., Springfield, Mass. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Abbie Griswold of this town, and three children, Will A., Leroy Percy, and Arabel, wife of Rev. John Mason. His remains were brought here, accompanied by his wife and son Will. Funeral services were held in the church at North Hyde Park Sunday morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. Mr. Gregory, with B. L. Austin as manager. The interment was in the North Hyde Park cemetery by the side of a young son, who died several years ago. Mr. Fletcher was born and reared in Waterville, served through the civil war in the Second Vt. Vol., since which he has resided in and near No. Hyde Park for a considerable time, but for several years past has made his home in Clinton and Springfield, Mass. The deceased and wife spent several weeks in this vicinity during the past summer, returning to their home September 1. He has suffered much for several years past, but was not considered in any immediate danger, until two days before his death. He was a loving husband, a kind father and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. Fletcher and son left for their home on Monday morning.

NO. WOLCOTT.

Mrs. Fred Kipp is convalescing. Renew your subscription promptly. Ed Nourse returned to Sodom Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Farrar is in Irasburg, visiting her mother.

Miss Bessie Martin visited at H. C. Baldwin's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Brush were guests at J. T. Wells' last week.

Mrs. Withers finished working for Mrs. Bailey Saturday.

Mrs. David Tallman is quite sick. Dr. Duntan is in attendance.

Artie Russ began his fourth term of school in Craftsbury Monday.

The little son of Will Bashaw is stopping with his aunt, Mrs. Nourse.

Ernest Udall is drawing lumber for the Hyde Park Lumber Co. this week.

The Friday evening prayer-meeting will be held at the home of Charles Slayton.

Frank Twiss and family went Saturday to their new home on the Leckner place.

Mary Bruce has been stopping in Craftsbury with her grandmother, Mrs. Robbins.

N. E. Baldwin and daughter left on the express Friday morning for their home in Lakemont, N. Y., after a visit with his parents.

The Grammar school began Monday with Mr. Briggs of Morrisville as teacher. He will stock of goods to supply his store there. He has an engagement with the Fisher Brothers of Seattle, Wash., wholesale grocers, to represent them in several towns in Southern Alaska this winter. He will return to Council Bluffs in the spring, as soon as navigation opens.

STOWE.

Eddie McCuen has been quite ill recently.

T. A. Douglas was a visitor in Burlington Monday.

Dr. Colley of Morrisville was in town yesterday.

J. A. Kellogg is in town from Montpelier for a few days.

The next dancing school will be held Friday evening.

L. C. Moody and wife were visitors in town over Sunday.

Miss Abbie Burt of Burlington is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cobb are visiting relatives in Burlington.

Architect Walker of Montpelier was a visitor in town Thursday.

Miss Esther Marshall of New York is the guest of relatives here.

The Graded School closes next week until after the holidays.

Dr. E. Foster Eddy of Waterbury was a visitor in town Tuesday.

C. E. McCuin was in town from Burlington a day or two last week.

E. T. Houston and Dr. Bugbee of Waterbury were in town Saturday.

John Drug is moving to Miss June Tomlinson's tenement on Maple St.

Miss Viola Harriman is spending a few days with her mother in Jericho.

J. J. Billings is installing a new boiler and engine in his West Branch mill.

Dr. and Mrs. Barrows are the proud parents of a ten-pound son, born Friday.

Miss Bertha Isham goes soon to Georgia, where she has a position as teacher.

W. T. Double was called to Melrose, Mass., last night by the illness of his mother.

Pike & Benson have an advertisement on this page which speaks for itself; read it!

Dr. Howard Sargent and wife of Island Pond were guests of the doctor's parents recently.

Miss Mary Jenney is assisting Mrs. L. C. Moody of Waterbury in her dressmaking parlors.

"Our Fellowship," will be the Epworth League topic Sunday evening, led by E. W. Dillingham.

Dan Hamell has closed work upon the railroad section and is employed by J. J. and H. W. Billings.

Foreman Houston of the Akeley Memorial Building visited his home in Montpelier over Sunday.

F. E. Grahame of Montpelier was in town several days last week looking after his lumber interests.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church meets with Mrs. George Sanborn Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. Frank R. Gale, who has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Universalist church at Berlin, Mass., paid his many Stowe friends a brief visit last week.

P. R. Sargent was upon the streets Saturday for the first time in nine weeks. Mr. Sargent has had a severe sickness and his friends are greatly pleased to see him about again.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church meets on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 2 o'clock. It is hoped each one will make a special effort to attend, as there is important business to transact.

The third entertainment of the Business Men's Lecture Course comes Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, and is to be given by the Thespian Dramatic Club of Boston. This will be something of a novelty in the entertainment line and will be well worth going to, see.

A too free indulgence in stimulants Monday led to a free-for-all scrap at the "Ranch" in which Bert Arquette is reported to have received harsh treatment. Herb Shepard is said to have been the aggressor and the affair is being investigated by Grand Juror Hale.

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Space will not allow us to itemize and price the above lines, but we will issue a circular giving in brief some of the many bargains we offer. We shall make no charge accounts. We will have but ONE PRICE, and it will be a price that will make quick sales. This is our Holiday Greeting. Come to us.

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WOLCOTT.

Mark Walsh is home from Barre. H. H. Parker is working for B. W. Guyer.

C. A. Hubbard has purchased Fred Leckner's horse.

Miss Alice Whiting returned to Burlington Monday.

Fred Leckner has gone to Hardwick to spend the winter.

Charles Willey has moved to the Bert Smith residence.

Mrs. H. W. Moody visited in Morrisville the past week.

Melvin Richardson has moved his family to Pottersville.

Novell Whitney arrived home from Lowell, Mass., Monday.

Frank Twiss has moved to the new house recently purchased.

Dr. Vallean and mother were visitors in Hyde Park Monday.

M. J. W. Scott returned from Beecher's Falls last Thursday.

Mrs. Elda Knight is spending a few days with friends in Morrisville.

W. M. Parker of Lisbon, N. H., transacted business here last week.

The X-mas tree force returned to their homes in Philadelphia Monday.

Rev. B. L. Jennings of Worcester, Mass., is expected home for the holidays.

The family of Fred Hitchcock have moved from Woodbury to the Albee house.

A. W. Converse of Palmer, Mass., was a guest at A. W. Foster's last Thursday.

C. B. Stearns and wife of Fairfax will spend Christmas at the home of O. J. Patnam.

Frank Lentner has finished work at N. Colgrove's and will assist in S. A. Fife's store during the holiday season.

B. B. Sherwood, Supt. of the B. of Q. railroad, with his wife and daughter, Bessie, of Naponee, Ont., were guests at Dr. Vallean's over Sunday.

The L. A. S. and S. of V. will hold a fancy bazaar at town hall Dec. 19 from 2 until 10 p. m. Literary programme at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

A very genial young couple were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride on East Hill Dec. 6, by Rev. T. D. Davies, pastor of the Cong'l church at Wolcott. The parties in the marriage were W. W. Houghton and Etta Hodgdon, both from Wolcott. They were a likely and interesting couple, and apparently have in them the material for the making of a bright and happy future. Our best wishes go with them and we trust that their married life will be one of increasing joy and happiness.

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We are not going to disappoint the throngs of friends and customers who have learned to expect our

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JOHNSON, VT.

EDEN.

The sick ones at B. B. Blake's are better.

Charlie Parkhurst is quite sick at this writing.

Bertie Parkhurst is spending a week with his brother.

Mrs. Anthony McGinnis is sick. Dr. Gage in attendance.

Fred Atwell went to N. Troy the first of the week, returning Thursday.

Mrs. John Emery and daughter, Grace, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Nett Shattuck has returned from her visit to Marshfield, she having spent Thanksgiving with her friend, Miss Eddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Knowles attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Fletcher, at North Hyde Park, Sunday a. m.

Among those entertaining visiting friends the past week were, N. B. Mower, Mrs. C. D. Webster and Anthony McGinnis.

Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. W. J. Atwell the 11th. Supper will be served from 4:30 to 5:30, and later if necessary.

Regular meeting of the Aaron Keeler corps, No. 81, W. R. C., the 20 inst. Election of officers will be in order for that time and a large attendance is desired.

Four delegates have been elected to attend the meeting at Hyde Park the 12th; Miss Mabel Dustin, Mrs. L. F. Whittemore, Mrs. May Shattuck, Mrs. C. W. Blake.

Friday evening of this week, P. A. Perrin will speak at the Corners' church on the subject so near his heart, temperance. It is a good subject and he knows whereof he speaks.

Monday the most severe storm of wind, that it has been our pleasure to witness, for a long time, struck our community, but Tuesday morning the sun was clear and bright as if in part to make up for former unpleasantness.

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About Handkerchiefs.

We can simply say that we have them in endless array. They are useful and always acceptable.

ABOUT PICTURES

The picture department is receiving unusual attention because of the large stock and great variety of subjects. School teachers buy these pictures as very acceptable presents to their scholars, and at the price, a few cents, you cannot but wonder.

About Boston Bags

We have the largest line of the best bags and the lowest prices we have ever shown.

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A pair of kid gloves always was and always will be a good present for a lady. We have them—good ones—all colors and every pair we sell are warranted.

ABOUT FURS

A good pretty fur boa makes a nice present and at the same time gives the wearer a feeling of comfort. That is not to be despised these cold days. We have them at any price to suit the purchaser.

About Holiday Novelties

We show this year, in this line, some choice goods—things you do not see every day—articles that are not found in every store. Come in and see for yourself as they are numerous.

About Linens

This department is one in which we take special pride. We show some beautiful things in table linen, napkins, table mats, towels, doilies, etc. Anything from our linens makes a nice gift for any lady.

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ESTATE OF Isaac Patch.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Lunenburg, commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Isaac Patch, late of Johnson, in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid at the residence of L. F. Butts in North Hyde Park, Vt., on the first day of January and fifth day of June, next, from one o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. each of said days, and that six months from the fifth day of December, A. D. 1902, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Given at Hyde Park, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1902.

E. A. WEDGE,
L. P. BUTTS,
Commissioners.